

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means, said oblong brush having a shaft and brush hairs projecting substantially radially therefrom when the oblong brush is not being driven by the driving means; and

a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means including:

at least one flexible element,

whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing sides of an animal, and

wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said brush for reaching higher-up surfaces of the animal.
2. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is oblong.
3. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is substantially tubular.

4. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is a leaf spring or coil spring.

5. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is rigidly connected to the brush.

6. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is connected to the brush by way of a flexible connection.

7. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is designed for rotating the brush about its longitudinal axis.

8. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is designed for moving the brush substantially in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the brush.

9. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, further comprising drip-feeding means for drip-feeding a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush onto the brush.

10. (Previously Presented) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible element comprises one or more universal couplings.

11. (New) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong brush of the brushing device consists of a single brush.

12. (New) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is fixed directly to a rigid, non-movable structure.

13. (New) A brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:
an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means; and
a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means including:
at least one flexible element, said at least one flexible element being fixed directly to a rigid, non-movable structure,

whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing sides of an animal, and

wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said brush for reaching higher-up surfaces of the animal.

14. (New) The brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the oblong brush of the brushing device consists of a single brush.

15. (New) A brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:
an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means; and
a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means including:
at least one flexible element,
whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush has a substantially
vertical orientation for brushing sides of an animal,
wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting
externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of
said brush for reaching higher-up surfaces of the animal, and
wherein the oblong brush of the brushing device consists of a single brush.